

## REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11.20 are pending in the application.

The examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-13 and 15-20 for being obvious over the Zhao ICA Abstract in view of Rosenberg U.S. Patent 5,483,970. The examiner further rejected claims 5 and 14 for obviousness over the Zhao ICA Abstract in view of Rosenberg and further in view of the Cichocki et al. Article. The examiner's rejections are without merit because the Zhao Abstract is not prior art to the above-identified patent application.

The above-identified patent application claims priority to GB patent application 0306629.7 filed on March 22, 2003. The Zhao Abstract has a publication date of January 2004. Indeed, the PTO form 892 included with the April 15, 2010 Office Action identifies the Zhao Abstract as having a "Jan 2004" publication date. Therefore, the examiner's obviousness rejection must be withdrawn at least because the Zhao Abstract is not prior art to the present application.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of all pending application claims is courteously solicited.

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